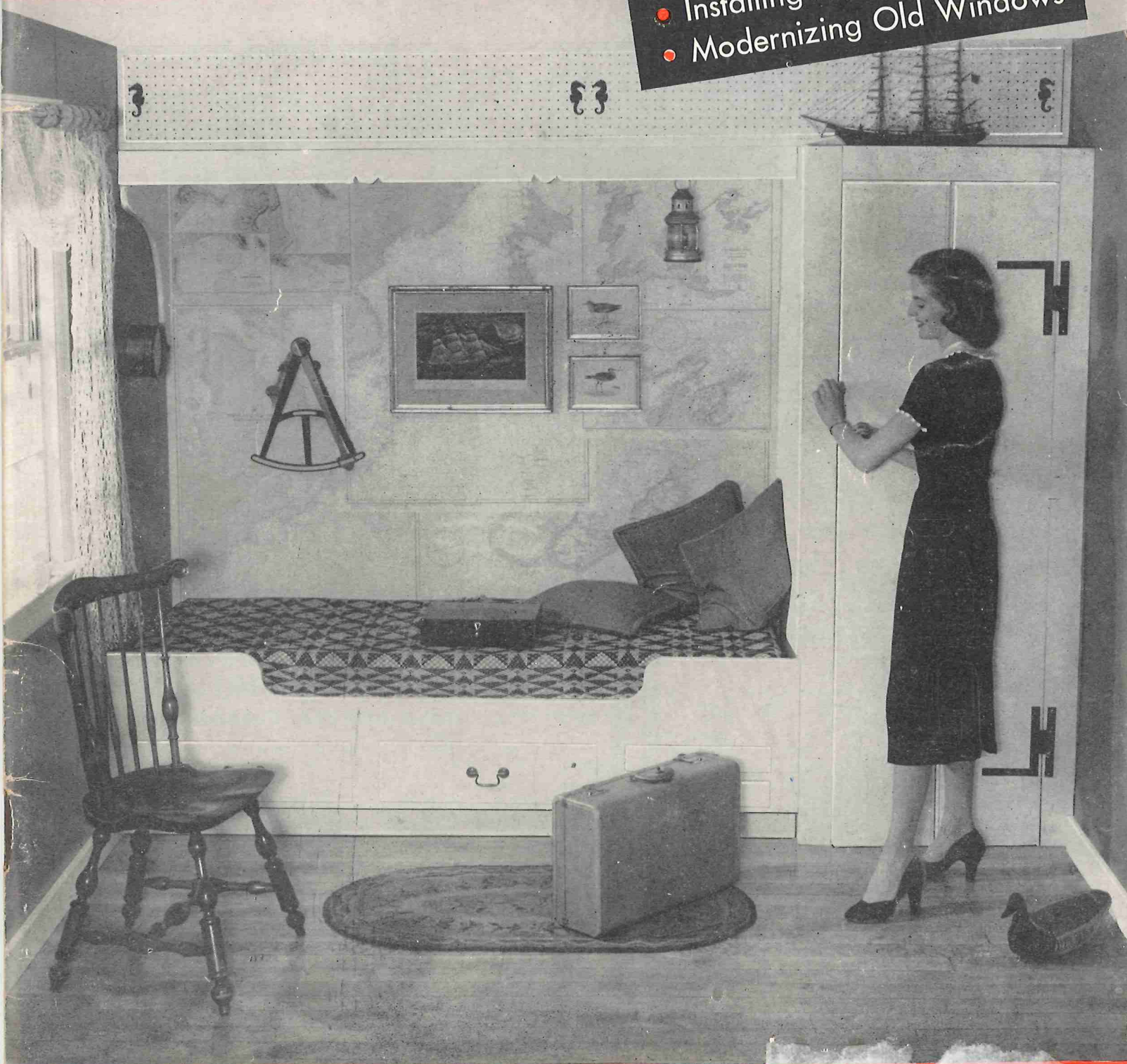


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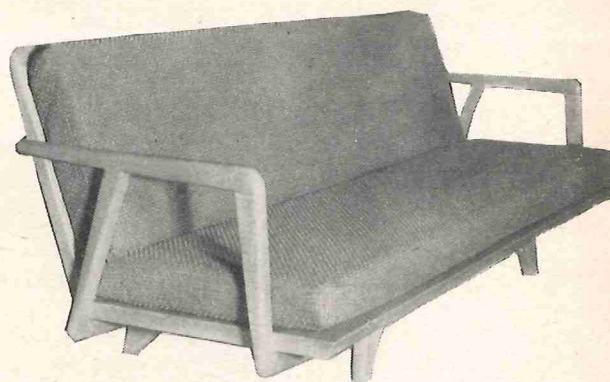
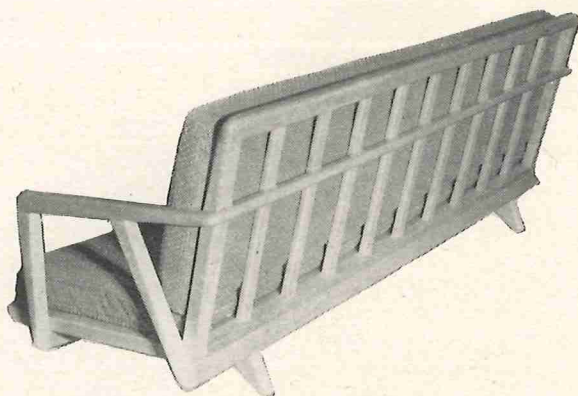
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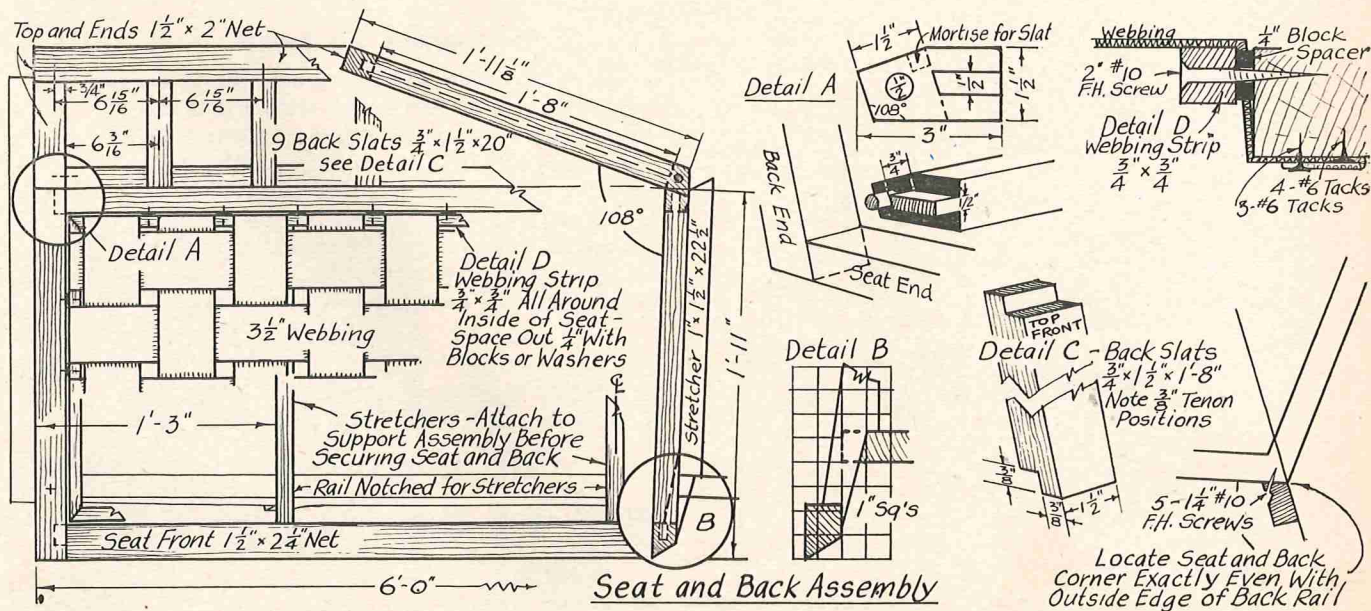
The sofa shown in the photographs was constructed entirely of carefully selected curly maple, since this wood and its beautiful grain pattern are well suited to clear finishing with lacquer. However, other close-grained hardwoods could be used.

Begin construction by making a full-size layout of the arm section on paper or cardboard. Draw it accurately from the dimensions shown in the support assembly drawing. It's a good idea to tack this pattern down on a flat wood surface and assemble the arm sections over it. Work directly from pattern to wood in full size. Dimensions shown are net sizes, so allow for sawing and planing.

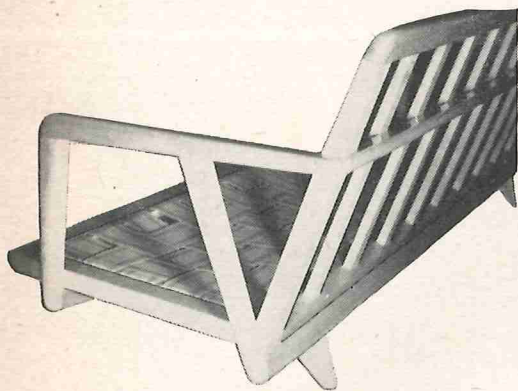
While laying out tapers on the arm supports, be sure to add $\frac{3}{4}$ " to the length for the tenons. The tenon on the rear support can extend all the way across the end, but cut $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the front of the tenon on the front end of the arm. Make these tenons $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick, centered on the ends of the supports. Check the angles on the full-size pattern. Cut the mortises in the arms with the mortising attachment on the drill press. Now make a trial assembly of each arm section on top of the pattern

and check the angles. Make a temporary clamp by securely nailing $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips on the pattern along the line of the arm at the top. Use smaller pieces on both sides of the arm supports, but leave space for wedges between the ends of the supports and the blocks. Apply glue to the joints, set the sections in place, and wedge tightly with hardwood wedges. When the glue is thoroughly set, remove the first section from the clamp and proceed with the second in the same manner. The use of one of the new quick-setting white glues will speed up operations by many hours.

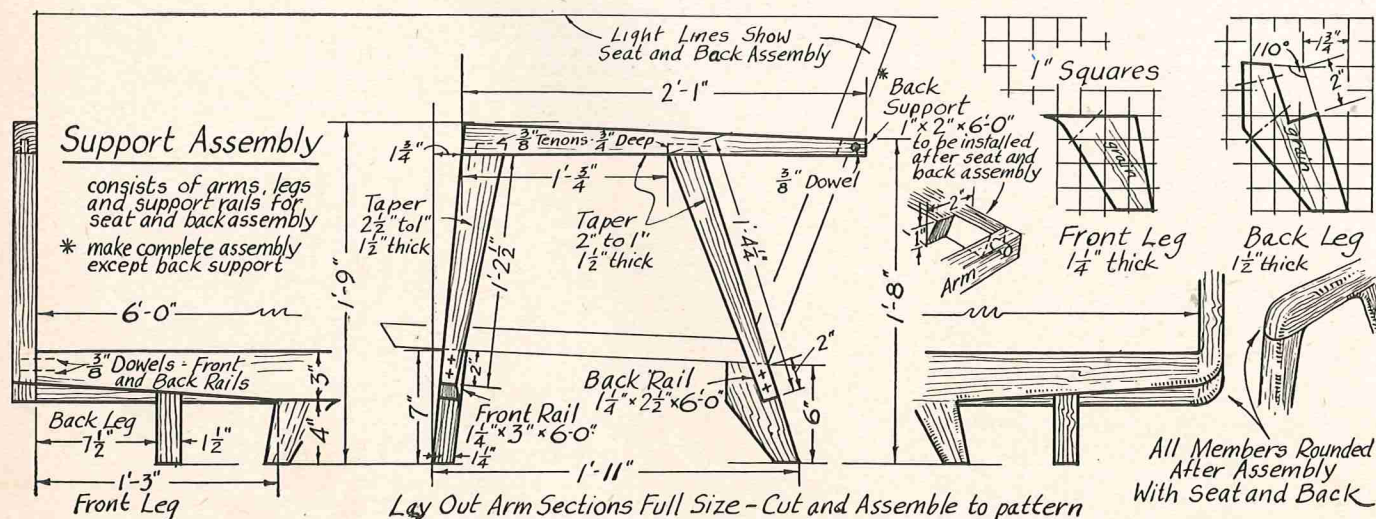
While the arm sections are in the clamp, work can proceed on the front and back support rails. These are $1\frac{1}{4}$ " thick and 6 ft. long. The front rail is tapered on each end for a length of 15". Locate these points after jointing the entire piece to 3". The ends will be 2" wide after tapering. The base of the taper will locate the front



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with a $\frac{7}{8}$ " metal drill deep enough so that only 1" of wood is left beneath the screw head in each hole. Locate the legs on the rails after removing the assembly from the clamps. Drill 1" deep pilot holes in the rails for the screws. Coat the joints with glue and mount the legs with 2" No. 10 flathead screws.

This completes the support assembly except for the back support. Wait until the seat and back assembly is in place before notching and securing the back support.

The seat and back assembly can now be constructed. Begin by making the back seat rail. This is shown as detail A in the drawing. Select a straight, clear piece of wood for this member to avoid future twisting or warping. Dress the piece to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3", then mark the angle as shown on the drawing. The critical measurements are the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " slanted top face and the 108° angle which determines the slant of the back. Cut the faces off carefully and plane down to size. Next mark and cut for length. The exposed length is 5'-8", plus $\frac{3}{4}$ " long tenons on each end. Mark and cut these tenons $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick to the size shown in detail A. A $\frac{1}{2}$ " hole will be drilled later behind the tenon as shown, and a $\frac{1}{2}$ " dowel inserted through the end member of the back.

The mortises for the back slats are cut at right angles to the slanted face, or 18° from vertical. Check the seat and back assembly drawing for location of mortises. The center of the first mortise is $6\frac{3}{8}$ " from the end of the rail. From here, centers are spaced $6\frac{1}{8}$ ". Lay these out lightly and make any adjustments necessary before drawing the final outlines for the mortises. Cut the mortises a little over $\frac{3}{8}$ " deep.

The end and top members for the seat and back are all $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" sections, and can be made at one time without changing the saw and jointer for each piece. The seat front may also be cut to thickness at the same time, although its width is $2\frac{1}{4}$ ". The seat end members are 23" long, with angles at both ends. The front angle is shown in detail B, and is a cut-back of about $\frac{3}{4}$ ". This angle may be changed to suit individual taste, but should not be greater than a 1" cut-back. The angle at the back must be 108° as in detail A.

After cutting the seat ends to length, cut mortises to match the drawing. Keep the front mortise 1" from the end to prevent its cutting through the slanted portion. Cut it 1" deep. The rear mortise, which is $\frac{3}{4}$ " deep, is cut to the end of the member as shown in detail A and the side projection drawing.

The seat front is 5'-8" long, plus 1" tenons on the ends. Be sure to cut the tenons narrow—about $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide, or 1" from the front edge.

Cut the back end members next. The tops of these members will form $\frac{1}{2}$ " tenons 1" long and $1\frac{1}{4}$ " wide. This width should not be increased or the tenons may break through when rounding the corners of the back top member. The bottoms of the end members should be angled as shown in detail A. The joint at the bottom is made by drilling a $\frac{1}{2}$ " hole through the end

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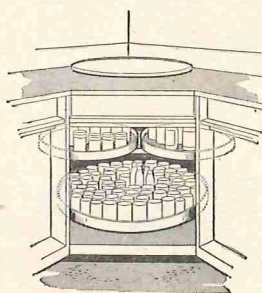
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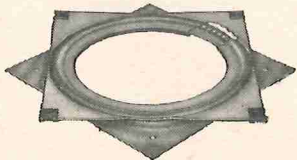
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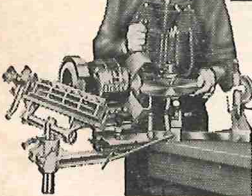
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member into the back seat rail. This also is shown clearly in detail A. These holes should be drilled after temporarily installing several back slats to hold the back steady. This operation is described later.

Cut the back top member to length, and mortise for the ends. These mortises will be $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 1" deep. This will allow $\frac{3}{4}$ " clear at the end of the piece. Next mark the mortises for the back slats. These are set back $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the face. Cut them a little over $\frac{3}{8}$ " deep.

Now cut nine back slats $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 20", plus $\frac{3}{8}$ " long tenons at both ends. Note in detail C how the tenon positions are reversed. It's very important to cut the slats identically, so each operation should be made as a mechanical set-up, with stops for cuts and tenons; and all pieces must go through the same operation with the same machine setting. This will not only assure identical pieces, but will save much time as well.

After the slats have been completed, tap the two outside ones into place in the back seat rail. Now set the back top member in place and tap tight. Lastly, insert end members of the back into the back top member, and assemble the seat temporarily. Make sure all the joints are tight and square. Now clamp the end members to



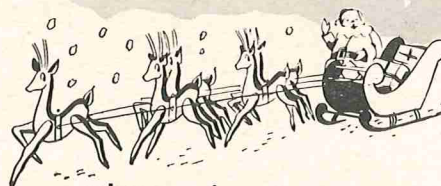
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the back seat rail and drill through the ends and into the seat rail about 1". Locate the holes where the arm supports will cover them later. Measure this location from your full-size pattern.

If the joints are satisfactory, assemble with glue. Do the seat members first and clamp them. Next tap the slats into place and set the back top member, with ends already in place, down on the slats. Begin at one end and work across, fitting the tenons to the mortises. Tap with a block and mallet until the joints are tight. Last of all, insert $\frac{1}{2}$ " dowels into the holes at the bottoms of the back end pieces. Clamp the end pieces in after checking the angle with the seat end members. Clamp the entire assembly and allow the glue to set thoroughly before removing the clamps.

Before connecting the two assemblies, the stretchers must be installed. Cut them according to the plan and clamp them in temporarily. Lift the seat and back assembly into place. Don't force it down between the arms. If necessary, sand or plane off the ends to permit a sliding fit. When the back corners line up as shown in the seat and back assembly drawing, check the stretchers for size. If they hold the seat front too high, the seat ends will not rest on the front support rail. Forcing the ends down will put a curve into the seat front. When you are satisfied that all joints are as they should be, clamp the seat to the support rails temporarily. Drill down

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Cut the back support now. It should be notched as shown in the support assembly drawings so that it fits around the back end. Be sure to get the angle to match the back of the slats. Clamp the piece temporarily and drill for a 3/8" dowel through the arm into the end of the back support. Drill each slat from the front for a 1 1/4" No. 8 flathead screw into the back support. Countersink with a drill for later plugging. Take the assemblies apart, glue, and reassemble them permanently. Plug all exposed countersunk holes.

After the glue is dry, make the 3/4" x 3/4" webbing strips and install them around the inside edge of the seat as shown in detail D. The distance between the spacers will be determined by the webbing. It is best to measure after purchasing the webbing. The sofa shown in the photographs has four strips of webbing lengthwise and 16 strips from front to back. There are 15 spacer blocks on both front and back and four blocks on each end. Wait until the wood finishing has been completed before tacking the webbing on.

With the strips in place, only the rounding of the corners is left before sanding and finishing. Use a small block plane and wood rasp to take the corners down fast. All corners should have a fairly large radius, as shown in the photographs. After roughing down the corners, a portable disk or belt sander will complete the smoothing of all but the most inaccessible places. Finish by hand with the grain, using progressively finer grades of paper until a silky sheen develops and surface is free of all scratches.

Spray or brush on the first of the finish coats. The sofa in the photographs was sprayed with clear lacquer, the first coat being clear lacquer sealer. Follow the manufacturer's directions for finishing, but in general, one coat of clear sealer and at least four coats of water-clear lacquer will give a good finish. Wet-sand the final coat with No. 400A Wet-or-Dry finishing paper and rub down with rubbing compound. This finish should not be waxed for about two weeks to allow the lacquer time for curing.

To tack on the webbing, follow detail D. Start at one end and tack all of the pieces on. Then go to the other end, stretch the webbing with a webbing stretcher, and tack down one after the other. The cross strips are done in the same manner, the strips being woven alternately as shown in the drawing.

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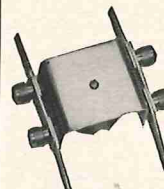
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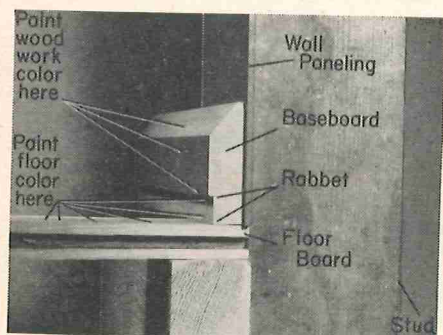
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2	3/4	3/4	19	Webbing strips
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1	...	3/8	24	Dowel
1	...	1/2	4	Dowel

NOTE: All dimensions are in inches except where other; wise specified. 4 dozen 2" No. 10 flathead wood screws; 9-1 1/4 No. 8 flathead wood screws; 5-1 1/4 No. 10 flat; head wood screws; 1 box No. 6 upholstery tacks 65 ft. 3 1/2" heavy webbing.



Easily Painted Baseboard

THE problem of making a neat junction between floor paint of one color and baseboard paint of another color can be solved by cutting a shallow rabbet along the lower, outer edge of the baseboard. Dimensions of the rabbet are not particularly important, for its purpose is only to create a slightly overhang that conceals the paint junction: something like $\frac{1}{8}$ " or $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " usually will do.

Paint the floor in the usual way and run the color up the rabbeted part of the baseboard as far as the overhang. In painting the baseboard, it is easy to terminate the color in a sharp, straight line along the edge of the overhang, even if this edge has been rounded slightly by sanding. Running the floor color up the baseboard a short distance usually improves the appearance of the room, and it makes the painting a lot easier.

The mock-up in the photo shows how a rabbeted baseboard of $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood can be installed. No molding is indicated along the junction between baseboard and floor, but the rabbet could be extended upward enough to accommodate quarter-round and still provide the helpful overhang. In this case, the quarter-round would be painted the same color as the floor.—W. E. Burton

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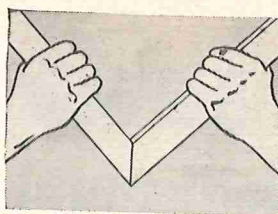
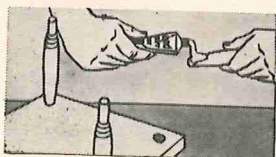
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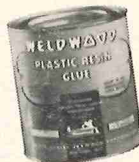
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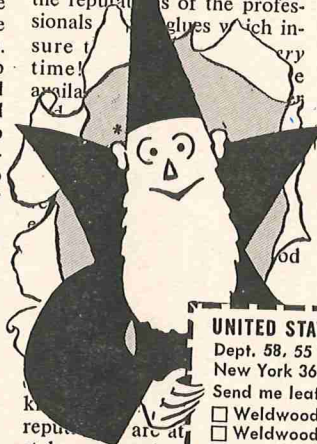
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